

**PLANNING and ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2014**

The Planning and Administration Committee met on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 in the Committee Room, located on the second floor of the Administration Building, beginning at 2:40 p.m. Ms. Summers, Committee Chair, presided.

Members Attending:

Debra B. Summers, Chair	M. Kent Collins, V Chairman
James E. Kinard, Jr.	William B. Banning, Sr.
M. Todd Cullum	

Also attending: Joe Mergo, III, County Administrator; Chris Folsom, Deputy County Administrator; Randy Poston, Chief Financial Officer; Jeff Anderson, County Attorney; other staff members, citizens of the county and representatives of the media.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, a copy of the agenda was sent to radio and television stations, newspapers, posted on the County of Lexington website and bulletin board located in the lobby of the Lexington County Administration Building.

Intergovernmental Agreement Relating to Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority - Ms. Summers opened the discussion for the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (CMRTA) Intergovernmental Agreement. She reported the agreement does not affect the County any differently than it has been in the past. The Committee discussed the County's budgeted costs for transit services, which have come in under budget every year. Ms. Summers said because of that, the County has been able to participate in the Red Bank pilot project and will participate in the Midlands Technical College pilot program at no cost. Mr. Mergo reported the money sent to CMRTA by Lexington County also represents funds from the Town of Springdale, City of Cayce, and City of West Columbia. The Committee requested clarification by the County Attorney on the agreement's paragraph 5.02 relating to Lexington County's cost to CMRTA and return to the next meeting. Information only, no action taken.

Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant Award - Library Services - Dee Bedenbaugh, Director - Ms. Bedenbaugh presented a request to accept the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grant award. She reported this is a federal grant where a student has requested reimbursement assistance. The grant award is for \$1,988 which will cover a portion of tuition at 66% of the overall semester cost with the student responsible for the remaining balance of 34% at \$1,204. The student, Ms. Amanda Brown, is a 10-year County employee who is working on her Master's Degree in Library and Information Science at the University of South Carolina. Ms. Bedenbaugh said the grant is just for one semester and the student must have completed at least nine hours of the basic program work before applying for one semester tuition reimbursement.

A motion was made by Mr. Banning, seconded by Mr. Kinard to recommend full Council approve staff's request to accept the grant award.

In Favor:	Ms. Summers	Mr. Banning
	Mr. Kinard	Mr. Cullum

Absent: *Mr. Collins

Mr. Collins was not present at the time the vote was taken.

Old Business/New Business - None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Busbee
Assistant to the Clerk

Debra B. Summers
Chair

Diana W. Burnett
Clerk